

have been transferred to their final display locations, and the facilities have been mothballed or transitioned to other programs, Ginger's work on behalf of the Space Shuttle program is complete.

Thankfully, Ginger is not leaving the space program. She will be returning to the Boeing Corporation, where she worked for her entire career prior to assuming leadership at the United Space Alliance. Hopefully, she will have some more time to pursue her hobbies as a licensed commercial pilot and hot air balloonist, as well as spend time with her family. The space industry is lucky to be able to retain her exceptional knowledge and expertise as America embarks on our next space journey. I thank her for her service to our civil space program, and look forward to more accomplishments to come in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING MR. CHARLIE HORHN FOR 20 YEARS OF INVALUABLE SERVICE RENDERED TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today recognizing one of America's most dedicated public servants and one of Mississippi's strongest advocates; my friend and Director of Field Operations, Mr. Charlie Horhn. After 20 years of public service, Charlie is retiring from the United States House of Representatives.

A native son of Holmes County, Mississippi, born July 9, 1934, Charlie is the sixth of 10 children born from the union of Mr. Tommie & Mrs. Emma Lee Horhn. Charlie, like others who grew up during one of the most trying times in American history—the Great Depression, understands the value of hard work and dedication. His professional experiences can be cataloged from days chopping cotton to rendering years of invaluable service to the United States House of Representatives.

After marrying his childhood sweetheart, the late Mrs. Willistene Levy, Charlie began work as a metal polisher at Presto Manufacturing Company. There his natural knack for leadership quickly catapulted him to the office of local union president. Thereafter, he soon became an expert in union arbitration and negotiations and assumed an active role in voter registration activities being sponsored by the A. Phillip Randolph Institute.

Upon establishment, the well-versed, political savvy, Charlie Horhn became President of the Central Mississippi chapter of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute and later journeyed to become President on the State Chapter. These opportunities ultimately gained him acclaim as a staunch politico throughout the State.

In 1990, Charlie was selected to serve as Assistant to the President of the Mississippi AFL-CIO, giving him leverage in improving employee and labor relations. His work impacted legislation and helped drive membership in the organization.

After an extensive stint in labor advocacy, Charlie became manager of my first congressional campaign for Mississippi's Second District seat during the special election in 1993.

After successfully helping me attain office, Charlie was immediately appointed as Director of Field Offices. His leadership has helped countless Mississippi residents in attaining needed assistance.

Charlie was a loving husband and is the devoted father of five. His pathway to success can be largely attributed to his steadfast devotion to and compassion for the people of the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Charlie Horhn on 20 years of invaluable service to the United States Congress.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE MAY 21, 2013 JASPER COUNTY FREEDOM FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over 160 Iowa veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Vietnam era will travel to our nation's capital to visit the monuments that were built in their honor by a grateful nation. For many of these veterans, today will be the first time they will visit the capital and the first time that they will see their monuments.

On Sunday, they were given a warm send-off by their neighbors and friends from Newton and throughout Jasper County. They were escorted from the Newton Speedway to the send-off at Newton High School by one hundred motorcycle escorts. When the Freedom Flight arrives in Washington today, I can think of no greater honor than to be able to greet them and to personally thank Iowa's—and our nation's—heroes for their service to our country.

The Freedom Flight brings together three generations of veterans who will travel together and support one another throughout their trip. It also brings together veterans who were never given the homecoming they deserved. This trip, made possible by generous donations from Iowans, many of whom the veterans will never meet in person, demonstrates that we as a state and as a country will never forget the debt we owe those who have worn our nation's uniform. The veterans will be able to visit their monuments today because their fellow Iowans refused to let their service go unrecognized. That generosity is truly humbling and should inspire us all to continue to work each and every day on behalf of those who serve our nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Jasper County Freedom Flight and Iowa's veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Vietnam era to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there is an old American prayer asking the Almighty to bring "safety, honour, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations." I rise today to honor the lives of those the Almighty used to bring peace, safety, and welfare.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty every 57 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

There are those souls, Mr. Speaker, whose lights guide the way even after they are dimmed. During National Police Week, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring those law enforcement officers lost in the line of duty. We join their families, friends, and communities in offering our condolences and prayers that the memory of those lost be cherished.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DANA EICHERT

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated Executive Director Dana Eichert, who has faithfully and compassionately served senior citizens and people of all ages in need of social services in her community for nearly three decades.

Mrs. Eichert's distinguished career serving residents of the Boyertown area started in August 1985 when she became the Under 60's Case Manager at Boyertown Multi-Service, Incorporated. She took on additional responsibilities, worked tirelessly to improve the broad range of services delivered to individuals and constantly strived to strengthen relationships between the agency and the Boyertown community.

Mrs. Eichert became Executive Director of the agency in 1997. One of her major achievements in that role involved leading the effort to raise funds, construct and open a new building, providing modern office space for the agency's staff, and more importantly, a new home for the Center at Spring Street, which is a pleasant location where people 55 and older gather to socialize, make new friends, enjoy meals, and participate in a variety of activities. Mrs. Eichert's outstanding leadership and dedication have earned the respect of the agency's staff, volunteers and Board of Directors, who have lauded her for creating an atmosphere where everyone feels as if they are part of one big family.

The Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Incorporated Board of Directors, staff, volunteers